

ITEMS OF INTEREST

NEWS THAT IS NEWS, WHEN IT IS NEWS, FOR ALL.

DOINGS OF DAY AND WEEK

Happenings the Wide World Over of Important Events Condensed to Good Reading.

DOMESTIC.

The entire plant of the Marlin Electric Light, Ice and Power Company was destroyed by fire Friday. The loss amounts to about \$300,000, with \$15,000 insurance. The fire is said to have originated in the grass near the plant and was quickly communicated to the building.

In the most important utterance he has made since his occupancy of the White House, President Taft Friday, at Winona, Minn., defended the Payne tariff bill as the best tariff bill the people have ever known.

J. H. Thiery, 87 years old, is celebrating the birth of a son in his home in Long Island City. It is the fourth child since he was married eleven years ago when 76 years old to Miss Margaret O'Connor, a comparatively young woman.

A hundred brief words, weighted with approximately \$100,000,000, and containing the last testament of E. H. Harriman, makes his widow, Mary Averill Harriman, one of the wealthiest women in the world. It is perhaps the briefest will on record for the disposal of an estate of such magnitude. All his property is left to Mrs. Harriman. Wall street estimates that Mrs. Harriman will inherit in realty and personal property between \$75,000,000 and \$100,000,000. Mr. Harriman's private fortune is supposed to have been greater than this by many millions.

The first of its kind in the world, an exhibit for the blind, at the Natural History Museum in New York, will be opened in the near future.

but there is reason to believe that his unmarried daughters, Mary and Carol, his married daughter, Mrs. Robert Livingston Gerry, and his two sons, William Averill and Roland, a boy of 14, Mrs. Simons, and other relatives, together with his surviving sister, have all been substantially provided for in gifts out of hand, trust funds set aside by Mr. Harriman during his lifetime.

Hog cholera costs farmers of the United States \$40,000,000 annually, according to estimates presented at the closing session of the Interstate Association of State Boards of Live Stock Commissioners at Chicago this week.

President Taft, during a stay of twelve eventful hours in Chicago Thursday, plunged with a will into the long program of entertaining which awaits him on his long Western and Southern itinerary. With perfect weather and crowds that fairly fought to catch a glimpse of the chief executive, the first city to be visited and a high mark of enthusiastic welcome, which the president seemed deeply to appreciate.

Reports of showers throughout South Texas continue to come in. While some localities seem to have been skipped, most counties received a wetting some time during the week. Hains have run from a slight fall of an hour's duration to 2½ inches. Apparently they have come at the right time to insure good crops of winter truck as well as to start the grass on the ranges. From all accounts the season has been one of extreme dryness and the rains are most welcome.

One life was lost, 100 head of cattle destroyed and between three and fifteen miles of mountain lands burned over are the net results of forest and brush fires near San Diego, Calif., Thursday.

A fire in Greenville, Texas, Thursday destroyed six large buildings and contents, aggregating a loss between \$75,000 and \$85,000.

The Western Union Telegraph company has applied for a writ of error in the case in which the State of Texas recovered judgment against it for \$100,040 permit fee. Since this judgment was obtained in the court of civil appeals for the Third district the law has been changed so as to limit the amount of the permit fee to \$10,000 but the company refuses to pay even this sum.

Albert T. Patrick, who is serving a life sentence in Sing Sing prison for the murder of Wm. Marsh Rice in New York in 1900, has filed with the clerk of the court of appeals notice of an appeal from a decision rendered by the appellate division, dismissing the writ of habeas corpus granted him by Justice Wm. J. Gardner last February. Patrick claims he is confined illegally, and that Gov. Higgins had no right to commute his sentence from death to life imprisonment. Patrick's appeal will probably come before the court in October.

There are now 499 state banks in operation in Texas. There have been 534 state banks chartered to date, but several have gone into liquidation. No Texas state bank depositor has as yet lost a dollar through one of those institutions. The Union Bank and Trust Company of Houston was the first bank to take out a state charter.

H. Armour Munson, a prominent citizen and stockman of Brazoria county, of Angleton, who, with six other citizens formed a posse searching for the three escaped negro prisoners who are charged with killing J. T. (Tut) Harden at Chenango a few nights ago while he was endeavoring to arrest them, was shot and killed Wednesday by Steve Hayes, a brother-in-law of one of the fleeing negroes.

A statement in which President Taft announces his findings upon the charges against the conduct of the Interior Department of the government by L. P. Glavin, chief of the field division of the general land office, in connection with the Cunningham coal land claims in Alaska, exonerating Secretary Ballinger of the Interior Department and observing that Mr. Glavin's report embraced only "shreds of suspicion, without substantial evidence," was made public Wednesday.

Definite announcement that Senator Bailey would in a speech at the Fair Park in Dallas soon answer the arguments of Mr. Bryan on the tariff has added zest to the general interest manifested in the differences existing between these two distinguished men, and it is foreboded that a large crowd will go out to hear Mr. Bailey's side of the story.

At a called session of the commissioners court Wednesday in San Saba Mrs. N. S. Oliver was elected county treasurer to fill the unexpired term of her dead husband.

Harris county purchased Wednesday a 115-acre tract of land in Fayette county, planning extensive road improvements and desiring a good gravel supply at all times.

Hurricane warnings for Key West and South Florida were issued at New Orleans weather bureau Wednesday. A disturbance of marked intensity west of Jamaica is said to be moving northward. It will be unsafe for shipping along the West Cuban and South-west Florida coasts for the next few days.

Marlin, Texas, is to have a "dove" deep well, with its outpouring of hot, health-giving waters. That question was definitely and emphatically settled Wednesday, when a committee of citizens called on the people of the town for stock subscriptions to bore the well. The sum of \$20,000 was wanted, and the money was raised in just two hours and ten minutes.

FOREIGN.

Minister of Foreign Affairs Bustamante and the Peruvian minister to Bolivia Friday signed a protocol for the settlement of the differences that long have existed between Peru and Bolivia over the boundary question.

El Roghi, the rebellious subject of the sultan of Morocco, who was recently brought to Fez a prisoner in an iron cage, was put to death inside the palace and in the presence of the imperial harem. The death of the rebel appears to have the sultan's reply to the protest of the French consul against the torture inflicted by the sultan's soldiers on rebellious Moors who have been brought captives to Fez. The sultan gave orders recently that El Roghi would no longer be exposed to public view in his iron cage.

Charged with being implicated in the plot to kill President Figueroa of the republic of Salvador, Gen. Jose Dolores Preza and Gen. Damas Copelin are behind prison bars in the capital of that republic of Central America, according to letters received in Mexico City Friday.

Cardinal Satolli, who was at one time apostolic delegate at Washington, is seriously ill at Milan.

The hunt for the royal Bengal tigress that escaped from a steamer in the harbor at Marseilles on Thursday continues without abatement. The beast is still lurking on the water front. Policemen and gendarmes armed with rifles occupied positions during the nights on the walls surrounding the wharves, while armed boats patrolled the water front, aided by searchlights set up at the pier ends.

News has come in to Nairobi, British East Africa, that Theodore Roosevelt has been hunting independently at Gussu Nyiro and has been very successful, bagging five lions and three buffaloes.

Orville Wright, flying in his airship in Berlin in the presence of the emperor, Princess Louise, Prince Adolbert and Prince August and a large party from the court, broke the record for high flying. He attained a height of 223 meters, 733 feet. The best previous record for height, 155 meters, was made by Robert Latham.

NEW RAILROADS FOR TEXAS

LIST OF MILEAGE VARIOUS LINES IN STATE WILL BUILD.

Of the Many Improvements Which Are Advanced, Some Are Regarded as Certain.

Austin, Tex.—Nearly 1,000 miles of railroad are under construction in Texas at this time, or will be as fast as the propositions can be reached. The exact total of mileage agreed upon and part of which is under construction is 744 miles. The figures for each road follow:

The Santa Fe cut-off from Coleman to Texico, 319 miles; the Santa Fe's San Saba Valley line from Lometa to Brady, 45 miles; Santa Fe's extension from San Angelo to Sterling City, 38 miles; Santa Fe line from Longview to Red River (which must be completed by July 12 of next year in order to save the benefits of the act authorizing the line to absorb the Texas & Gulf), 100 miles; Rock Island, from Ardmore to State Line, 35 miles; Timpson & Henderson, from Ragley to Henderson, 30 miles; Enid, Ochiltree & Western, Dalhart to Ochiltree, 108 miles; a line already ballasted from Plainview to Playdoda, 25 miles; Gulf, Texas & Western, Loving to Jeanette, 17 miles; Bartlett-Florence railway, Bartlett to Florence, 23 miles; Quanah, Acoma & Pacific, to Paducah, 35 miles.

In one or two instances the distance given is probably less than actual mileage will be. The foregoing works are a surety and will be built as soon as possible.

In addition to the above there are many miles of rail projected for Texas, some of which are regarded as certain. Two lines have been planned from San Antonio to the Rio Grande, both to occupy a territory now without railroad facilities. One is that backed by Lon Hill and St. Louis associates and the other the line surveyed by the Harriman interests. It is not known what effect the death of Mr. Harriman will have on the lines in question. A contract is about to be finally consummated for a line from San Antonio to Fredericksburg, and the Frisco officials have authoritatively announced that the Fort Worth & Rio Grande will be extended from Brady to San Antonio. The Gulf, Texas & Western, which has built two miles out of Marshall, is to go to Newton, down the Sabine Valley, a distance of 440 miles. The Gulf, Western Texas & Pacific is projected from Sherry county on the Sabine to Knox county, touching many well-known towns, Dallas among the number. The Kansas City, Mexico and Orient is to go to Mexico via Presidio county with a branch to Del Rio making a large aggregate mileage. A line from Uvalde to Crystal City, 40 miles, is under construction at this time. A line is also projected from Paris to Mt. Pleasant, promoted by Paris people, 90 miles. The El Comodoro & Gulf, recently completed from Roby to McCauley, is projected beyond, and there are several other roads in contemplation at this time.

Rice Sales.

Beaumont, Tex.—Jack Viterbo, a well-known rice farmer, sold 1,599 sacks of new crop Honduras rice to the Port Arthur rice mills for \$3 per sack. There were about 500 sacks of No. 1 and the rest lower grade rice, and the price of \$3 per sack all around is somewhat better than has been offered heretofore.

Not Holding Cotton.

Bryan, Tex.—Bryan has received to date 9,000 bales of new cotton, which is being sold as fast as it is brought to town. There is but very little being held. The farmers are not disposed to hold when they can get above 12c for it. Picking on the hills is being rapidly finished up.

Large Cotton Receipts.

Taylor, Tex.—Saturday was the banner day for local cotton receipts in Taylor, 650 bales being marketed here and nearly \$50,000 being paid out for the lint and seed of same, nearly all of which went into the hands of cotton pickers and a greater portion of which was spent with the merchants for week-end supplies, clothing, etc. An immense throng of pickers and farm laborers crowded the streets and business in all lines was brisk. The total receipts of local cotton at Taylor this season at the close of business reached 2,874 bales.

Hardin County Values.

Kountze, Tex.—The total assessed value of Hardin county is \$10,371,757, an increase over 1908 of \$500,000. Total amount of stated county taxes assessed in Hardin county for the year of 1909, \$26,744.80.

Cotton Bales Damaged.

Cuero, Tex.—Fire from a passing train Sunday damaged about twenty-five bales of cotton on the platform near the railroad.

COOK NEARING HOME

EXPLORER BARELY FOUR DAYS FROM NEW YORK.

WHITNEY SWORN TO SILENCE

Accounts for Evasive Replies to Peary's Questions.—Esquimo Told Peary Cook Was Dead.

On Board the Steamship Oscar II, at Sea.—Via Marconi Wireless Telegraph to Cape Race, N. F.—"Tell the people of America to have the fullest confidence in my conquest of the pole. I have records of observations made by me which will prove my claim. I shall be glad again to set my foot on American soil."

This was the brief message Dr. Frederick A. Cook Friday asked the Associated Press to give to his countrymen as he nears home on the steamer Oscar II, bound from Christiansand, Norway, to New York. The Oscar II is due to arrive there some time Monday.

Dr. Cook discussed freely with the Associated Press correspondent the assertions of Commander Peary that he (Cook) had never reached the North Pole, and from him was drawn a detailed story of the causes that brought about the dissensions between the two explorers.

When he departed for the North, Dr. Cook said he left a depot of provisions at Annatook, north of Etah, in charge of Rudolph Francke and several Eskimos. Francke had instructions to go south aboard a whaler and return later. This he did, but missed the returning vessel owing to a slight illness. He was then taken aboard Peary's ship, the Roosevelt, and proceeded north.

Commander Peary found my supply depot at Annatook," Dr. Cook continued, "and the Eskimo in charge told him that I was dead, as they fully believed it to be true at the time."

Peary placed two men in charge of the depot, Boatswain Murphy and another, Harry Whitney, the New Haven hunter, also remained there. Murphy had orders not to search for me, but was told he could send Eskimos northward the following spring from the relief depot.

When I returned from the pole unexpectedly Harry Whitney was the first to see me and to tell me what had occurred. Whitney was placed in possession of the facts concerning my journey to the pole on condition that he would not inform Commander Peary or his men. At the same time the Eskimos who had accompanied me north were told to maintain the strictest silence.

When I went into the depot there was a dispute between myself and Murphy, who delivered to me written instructions he had received from Peary, although he himself could neither read nor write. These instructions showed that he was making a trading station of my depot, the contents of which had been used in trading for furs and skins.

Dr. Cook said he was intensely annoyed at the alleged wrongful use of his supplies and threatened to kick out Murphy and his companion. Finally, however, he consented to their remaining at the depot, as there was no other shelter in the vicinity for them.

"On one occasion Murphy asked me abruptly, 'Have you been beyond 87°?' But I was determined not to let Peary know of my movements, and replied evasively that I had been much further north. From this statement has been concocted the declaration that I had said that I had not reached the pole."

Dr. Cook declared that neither Harry Whitney's nor his (Cook's) records are on board the Roosevelt, and that therefore Peary's information concerning him emanated from Boatswain Murphy.

Dr. Cook said also that he had made arrangements for the two Eskimos who went with him to the pole and Knud Rasmussen, whom he met in Greenland, to go to New York and confirm the story of his discovery.

Dr. Cook is thoroughly enjoying his rest aboard ship after the strenuous days at Copenhagen. He sleeps eight hours each night and spends a long time daily in writing and in walking the decks and conversing with the American passengers, who all have been formally presented to him by Benjamin Truchlood, president of the American Peace Society of Boston.

Another Backer for Cook.

Zurich.—Dr. Dequervain, chief of the Swiss scientific expedition to Greenland, who was the first European to meet Dr. Cook in Greenland after the American explorer's return from the North and heard his narrative concerning the discovery of the North Pole, has arrived here. He says that after having tested Cook's figures and statements made to him he is convinced that Dr. Cook reached the North Pole.

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Carnations Go to Sleep. Florists often suffer losses through a habit carnations have of sometimes "going to sleep" and never opening again. A series of experiments made in the Hull botanical laboratory and described in the Botanical Gazette makes it seem probable that this "sleep" is caused by the effect of illuminating gas, to which, even in very small quantities, these flowers are surprisingly sensitive.

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